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Serial No. 10/618,194  
Filing Date: July 11, 2003  
Art Unit: 1743  
Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING SENTINEL  
LYMPH NODES**

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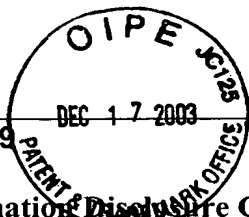


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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A	5,818,583	10/06/1998	Sevick-Muraca et al.	356	336	11/08/1996
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	L	Reynolds et al., "Imaging of Spontaneous Canine Mammary Tumors Using Fluorescent Contrast Agents," Photochemistry and Photobiology, 1999, Vol. 70(1), pp 87-94.	
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	N	Ntziachristos, et al. "In Vivo Tomographic Imaging of Near-Infrared Fluorescent Probes," Molecular Imaging, Vol. 1(2), April 2002, pp 82-88.	
	O	U.S. Patent Application No. 10/115,271, filed April 3, 2002, entitled "Method For Characterizing Particles in Suspension From Frequency Domain Photon Migration Measurements", currently pending (Attorney Docket No. 017575.0702)	
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